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(e) whether it is a fact that they are not given any clothes or mats to lie upon but are made to lie on the wet floor without any clothes, starving and half-naked; and

(f) what action have the Government taken or propose to take in the matter ?

A.—(a) *to* (f) Government have no information but have called for it.

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Lathi charge by the Police at Tanuku on 24th July 1932.

* 152 *Q.*—Mr. C. Indriah: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether there was a lathi charge at Tanuku in the district of West Godavari on the 24th of July at 6 a.m.;

(b) whether it is a fact that Mr. Tallapragada Narayanamurti and others were mercilessly beaten;

(c) whether it is a fact that Mr. Tallapragada Narayanamurti received serious injuries on his head;

(d) whether it is a fact that the said Mr. T. Narayanamurti was removed to the local Government hospital for treatment; and

(e) whether it is a fact that one of his eyes was swollen as a result of the injuries received by him?

A.—(a) *to* (e) The facts as reported by the District Magistrate are as follows:—

An attempt was made to hold a conference at Tanuku on 24th morning in support of civil disobedience. The Police had previous intimation and obtained orders under section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, on the previous day prohibiting all meetings and other Congress activities. At about 5 a.m. on 24th morning a batch of fourteen volunteers including one woman was found moving from the Canal bund towards the Town Hall carrying flags, leaflets, etc., and singing songs. The volunteers were warned by the Police to disperse, but, as they failed to do so, were dispersed by force. The leader, Tallapragada Narayanamurti, was arrested. Government have no information as to the nature of any injuries he may have received or as to the medical treatment given him.

Mr. C. Indriah:—" May I request the hon. the Home Member to call for information regarding the injuries inflicted according to the report of the medical people? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—" The suggestion of the hon. Member will be considered."